

## 10. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to an application for funding from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Therese Gallagher-Power from Cashmere, a 16 year old student of Villa Maria College.
3. Therese, with a group of other students from other schools, is travelling to India for four weeks on an immersion trip. They will be travelling on 6 December 2005 and returning on 5 January 2006. They will travel to Deli, then to Agra to see the Taj Mahal, then on to Varanasai, the Hindu Holy place in the Ganges. From the Ganges they will travel to Calcutta, where they will work with Mother Teresa's sisters for 10 days. Then on to Goa and Mumbai to visit places where Ghandi lived and worked.
4. There are a total of 17 students travelling to India. The other students come from St Thomas's of Canterbury College, and St Kevin's, Christian Brother's Schools in the South Island. The students will receive training prior to leaving. The first stop in Deli they will visit the Christian Brother's houses and schools - one of their high schools is a leper colony at night and teaches 1,500 students by day.
5. References provided with the application form indicate that Therese is a good student with a good work ethic. She has also taken a keen interest in being a contact person at her local school for students for this project.
6. Therese has fundraised extensively and has secured a total of \$3,500 towards the trip. She is also currently working part-time.
7. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding requested:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Airfare (return incl taxes))	\$2,238.00
Transport-rail	\$ 571.45
Food	\$ 267.00
Transport (other bus & boat)	\$ 288.54
Accommodation	\$ 289.89
Entry fees	\$ 57.69
Insurance	\$ 219.48
Total cost estimated per person	\$4,000-\$4,500

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$500 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant's travel to India.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.